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Arkansas: Little temperature
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A Pamphlet on the Press

Vigilance Is Price of Liberty

A pamphlet by Elbert M. Antrim, assistant business manager of the Chicago Tribune, comes to my desk with the title "The Press in Jeopardy."

FDR's Inflation Order Taken As Answer to Lewis

New York, April 9 — (AP)—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, declared today that President Roosevelt's "hold the line" order against inflation left the problem of the mine industry unchanged and left "the mine workers still hungry and resentful in having their demands for bread made a political pawn."

As negotiations were resumed here for a new contract in the Appalachian bituminous coal fields, which would cover 450,000 union members, Lewis issued a formal statement in which he said miners' wages were "substandard."

The presidents order would hold the wages to the "little steel" formula, and authorize no increases except where "clearly necessary to correct substandards of living."

Washington, April 9 — (AP)—President Roosevelt's new anti-inflation stroke drastically limits the War Labor Board's field of authority of removing the No. 1 basis for wage increases in excess of the "little steel" formula — "in equilibrium."

Some informed persons regarded the president's action as an assumption of personal responsibility for answering John L. Lewis' challenge of the administration's wartime economic program.

The WLB, taken by surprise, may now grant increases on two premises only: the 15 per cent little steel formula and substandards. The 12 regional war labor boards are now in the process of determining, in terms of cents per hour, what constitutes a substandard wage for their respective areas.

The executive order was issued last night without prior consultation with the War Labor Board.

With the possible exception of one or two of the public members, by coincidence, the board had scheduled a meeting for last night and decided immediately on convening to seek a conference with Stabilization Director James F. Byrnes to preclude any misinterpretation of the order.

The WLB also telegraphed its regional boards to withhold, pending further instructions, all wage

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U. S. Bombers Again Attack Jap Positions

Washington, April 9 — (AP)—The navy reported today that army Flying Fortress and its own Avenger light bombers had attacked Japanese positions at Kahili in the Shortland Island area of the North-western Solomon but that due to bad weather "observation of results was not reported."

A communiqué also sealed down yesterday's navy statement of destruction inflicted on a force of 99 Japanese planes which attacked shipping off Guadalcanal.

Instead of 37 planes being destroyed, the navy said, later reports now show that only 34 planes were destroyed.

There was no explanation as to why later reports had shown three fewer planes destroyed than were reported yesterday.

The Navy also gave no information as to the fate of the ships against which the enemy attack was directed.

Communicate No. 338:

"South Pacific (all dates east longitude)"

"1. On April 8:

"Flying Fortress heavy bombers attacked Japanese positions at Kahili in the Shortland Island area. Due to bad weather, observation of results was not reported."

"2. In Navy Department communiqué No. 337 it was reported that a total of 37 Japanese planes were destroyed in an enemy attack on United States shipping in vicinity of Guadalcanal. Later reports have been received revealing a total of 34 Japanese planes, instead of 37, were destroyed."

RAF Resumes Aerial Attacks Over Europe

—Europe

London, April 9 — (AP)—The RAF, resuming the Allied aerial offensive against western Europe after a lapse of three nights, attacked targets in the industrial Ruhr valley last night in a raid from which 21 bombers failed to return, the air ministry announced today.

The attack, in which some of Britain's biggest bombers participated, was described officially as "heavy," but the weather over Germany was bad and it was difficult to observe full results of the attack.

Specific targets in the Ruhr were not disclosed. Objectives in previous raids on this off-bombard area have included the great manufacturing centers of Essen and Duisburg.

The Ruhr was last bombed the night of April 3 when a great fleet of four engine British warplanes unloading a 600-ton cargo of explosives on Essen, home of the giant Krupp armament works, which was raided twice in March. Twentyone bombers also were lost in that assault.

The anti-aircraft defenses of the Ruhr are regarded here as the strongest in Nazi-dominated Europe. According to the best intelligence available in RAF quarters in London, more than 1,000 heavy guns are concentrated in that area, including 300 at Essen, for every heavy gun there are reported to be at least two light ones. More than 500 searchlights also are located there.

In addition to stabbing at the enemy waters, the air ministry said last night the RAF laid mines in enemy waters, the air ministry said.

The Berlin radio said merely that British bombers had attacked western Germany and reported "a considerable number" of the raiders had been shot down.

The night raid followed a series of RAF fighter forays over Northern France yesterday, during which a wireless station near Ushant was reported shot up.

Instruments of Death Are Trial Feature

Kansas City, April 9 — (AP)—Defense attorneys at the murder trial of Geo. W. Welsh, indicted Jackson County Coroner Dr. O. G. Leitch today concerning a knife and hammer in the mutilation slaying of Miss Lela Adele Welsh, sister of the defendant, two years ago.

Rolling up his sleeves, John T. Barker, chief of defense counsel, drew across his arm the butcher knife and then asked Dr. Leitch if it were possible the knife, which left no mark on his arm, was used to make the deep slash in Miss Welsh's throat.

"It is possible," was the reply. "Is that all you can say?" asked Barker.

"I would say such a knife as that could make the wound," the coroner answered.

"Then as far as this knife is concerned," Barker asked, "it is a rank guess on your part."

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FDR Indicates Definite Ceiling Prices on Food

—Washington

Washington, April 9 — (AP)—President Roosevelt said today that dollars and cents ceiling prices probably would be placed on all food commodities which affect living costs, while James F. Byrnes, economic stabilization director, said the Office of Price Administration might be able to present specific ceiling price plans tomorrow, following those now laid down for meats.

Byrnes was sitting in on a presidential press conference, which dealt largely with the chief executive's order designed to help combat inflation through more rigid restrictions on prices and wages.

The president said the whole problem resembles a four-legged stool.

Food prices are one leg, wages another rationing a third, and taxation and saving are the fourth, he said.

An effort is being made, he said, to prevent ups and downs and to get on a more even level, using all four legs to prevent the stool from falling over.

His executive order was a step in that direction, he said, but Congress still has to provide the fourth leg, taxes and savings.

Asked whether \$16,000,000,000 is still the administration's goal on new revenue, as mentioned in his budget message to Congress, Mr. Roosevelt said it is the administration's hope.

He was asked, also, how materially he has increased the powers given Byrnes, and Mr. Roosevelt turned that question over to Byrnes.

The stabilization director replied he knew of no material increase except that he has received greater authority to determine questions that will arise in the OPA and the War Labor Board as to border and hardship cases. Such cases, under the new order, he said, will be submitted to him for consideration, in stead of to the president personally.

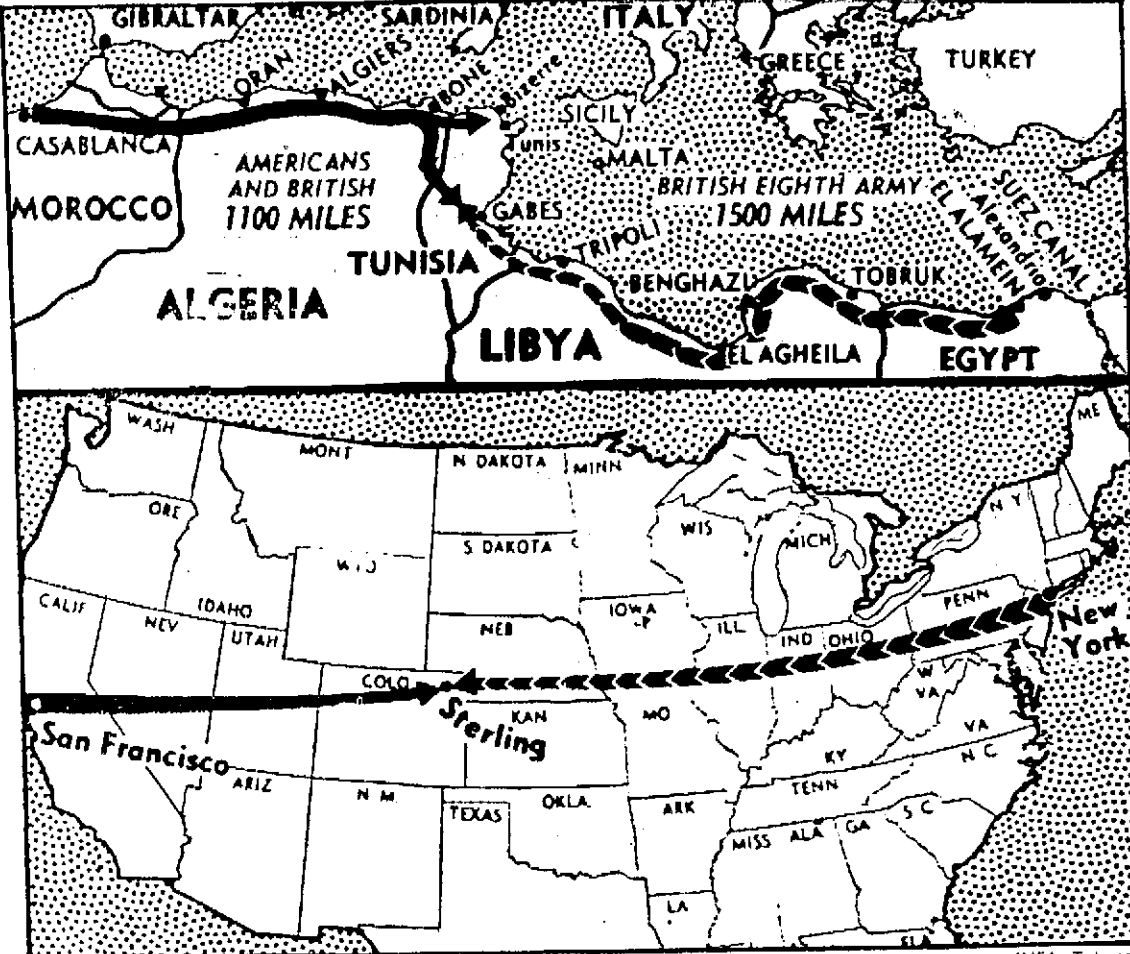
Byrnes said his power to issue directives is no greater than the authority previously granted him.

"Was the order to mandate to Mr. Byrnes?" a reporter inquired.

No, the president said, it was a statement of policy.

Mr. Roosevelt said he got his idea of the comparison with a four-legged stool from one of the group of farm leaders which consulted with him twice in the past.

Allies Push Ahead in Africa



This telechart gives an idea of the Trans-Africa Allied drives compared with similar distances in the United States.

Reds Repulse Nazi Thrust in the South

The Red Armies declared today they had killed 500 Germans in 24 hours and crushed every Nazi attack on the Izum-Balakleya front below Kharkov, but generally, the long battle line was quiet as both sides withdrew in deep mud.

Heavy rains flooded the Caucasus fighting zone, where the Russians are storming at the gates of Novorossisk, key Black Sea naval base, and pushing the Germans hard against the Kerch strait farther up the coast.

The German high command said Nazi artillery bombarded "strategically important objectives in Leninograd," on the far northern front, but said otherwise there was only fighting of local importance.

U.S. ships have borne the name Lexington in four major wars.

Japs Make Big Claims in Pacific Battle

By The Associated Press
Imperial Tokyo headquarters asserted today strong Japanese naval and air forces sank or damaged 15 warships and transports and shot down 37 planes Wednesday in an attack on an Allied fleet 25 miles north of Guadalcanal island in the Solomons.

Only six Japanese planes which "crashed into enemy objectives" were lost, the Tokyo communiqué said.

The Japanese claim sharply conflicted with a U.S. navy communiqué yesterday, referring to the same attack, which said American fighters shot down 37 of 98 Japanese planes when the enemy attacked shipping near Guadalcanal.

The navy listed seven U.S. planes lost, and made no mention of damage to Allied shipping nor of Japanese warships in action.

Tokyo's version declared a cruiser, a destroyer and 10 transports were sunk and three other transports damaged.

On other Pacific fronts: Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced Allied forces, striking at Japanese supply lines, blasted a flotilla of enemy barges in an hour-long attack off Dutch New Guinea and strafed other Japanese coastal vessels near the Aro Islands.

Fires were started on three barges and an escort boat, and other barges were severely damaged.

Allied airmen also raided Japanese airbases and bases at Imbabura, Dutch New Guinea; Saumlaki, Timor; and Kavieng, New Ireland; Unili, New Britain; and Pischhafen, New Guinea.

On the Burma front, British headquarters reported "no change" in the battle along the Bay of Bengal coast, where the Japanese are attacking Field Marshal Sir Archibald P. Wavell's forces not far from the frontier.

In the skies, American heavy bombers dropped 13 tons of high explosives on the Japanese headquarters at Toungoo, setting fires visible for 20 miles, and U.S. fighters placed destroyed an enemy supply dump at Nangam in Central Burma.

RAF bombers also pounded the enemy, strafing Japanese positions along the Mayu peninsula and raiding other targets inland, including the airdrome at Shwebo.

Truman Child Killed When Hit by Train

Marked Tree, April 9 — (AP)—Four year old Arvy Neil Dunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Dunn of Marked Tree, was killed instantly when struck by a southbound Frisco passenger train on a bridge two miles north of Truman yesterday afternoon.

A member of the train crew said the child was sitting on the bridge with his legs dangling between the ties but he was sighted too late to stop the train.

The original Indian name for Mount McKinley was Denali, meaning "Home of the Sun."

New Evidence Enters Durant Murder Case

Calico Rock, April 9 — (AP)—The investigation of the bizarre slaying of Charles Durant, 46, with which his widow and pretty 21-year-old stepdaughter are charged, took a new turn today with the disclosure that efforts had been made to stop his World War pension payments.

Sheriff J. A. Rodman announced that examination of Durant's files in the veterans administration office at Little Rock showed:

The administration received a hand printed letter Dec. 4, purportedly from Durant directing cessation of compensation because he had found employment in Chicago. The administration replied such employment did not affect the payments. Soon another letter, also hand printed, came, curtly ordering the payments stopped.

Rodman also announced the finding of the charred remains of what apparently were all of Durant's clothing, letters and personal affects less than 100 yards from where his body was found Sunday in a shallow grave in the back yard of his former home here. An autopsy showed that he had suffered a severe head wound.

Durant's widow, Mrs. Armanda Rose Durant, is in custody at Mt. Clemens, Mich., where she refused to waive extradition. His red haired stepdaughter, Mary, has not been located.

Durant had been missing since about Dec. 15. His wife and stepdaughter each are charged with first degree murder.

Extradition Delayed
Mt. Clemens, Mich., April 9 — (AP)—Extradition proceedings against Mrs. Armanda Rose Durant, 44, housewife with murder in her husband's death at her former Calico Rock, Ark., home, probably will require the appearance here of Arkansas authorities.

Mrs. Durant, arrested at Rome Monday, was brought before Circuit Judge Neil E. Reid yesterday on a writ of habeas corpus and claimed through her attorney she had not been informed fully of the charge against her. She has disclaimed knowledge of the cause of her husband's death.

The body of the husband, who had been missing since last December, was unearthed Sunday in the yard of the Calico Rock home. Mrs. Durant's daughter, May 21, also is charged with murder. The daughter has not been found.

Today Circuit Judge Reid continued until 11:30 a. m. Monday the extradition hearing. It was believed by that time Arkansas authorities will have arrived to testify.

Meanwhile, a warrant charging Mrs. Durant with being a fugitive from justice was issued by Justice of the peace Frank E. Jeannette and signed by Sgt. Edgar Welsch of the Michigan State Police.

Glider Crash

Stuttgart, April 9 — (AP)—Lt. Keith Dwyer, 22, Ponca City, Okla., died at the Stuttgart Army airfield base hospital today from injuries received in a glider crash here Tuesday. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Edith J. Dwyer, Ponca City.

Enemy Pounded, Prisoner Toll Reaches 9,500

—Africa

By DANIEL DELUCE
Allied Headquarters in North Africa, April 9 — (AP)—Axis forces are abandoning Mahares, only 22 miles south of the vital harbor of Sfax, and the railroad town of Mezouna in a continuing withdrawal under Allied blows on a broad front between the Central Tunisian mountains and the sea, it was disclosed today.

Armored vanguards of the British Eighth Army pursued Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's beaten men, who were fleeing north from Mahares and northeast from Mezouna, 52 miles from Sfax, under the hammering of the western desert air force.

A communiqué announced the Eighth Army had taken 9,500 prisoners since the initial attack on Rommel's Wadi El Akarit positions Tuesday morning, and military quarters said 1,300 more were captured by the U. S. Second Army Corps in the mop up of the El Guetar sector.

The achievements of the American Corps, headed by Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., in engaging the bulk of the Axis armor earlier this week on the Eighth Army's left flank were highly praised at a press conference by Gen. Sir Harold L. Alexander, Allied deputy commander in chief.

(A transoceanic dispatch broadcast by the Berlin radio and recorded by the Associated Press said "the great superiority of the enemy in men and material is showing its effect." Elaborating upon a Nazi high command communiqué which said Axis troops had frustrated Allied encirclement attempts in battle, the dispatch reported "the detaching movement toward the north to all appearances is being continued.")

(A British radio broadcast recorded by CBS said American forces thrusting along the road from Maknassy to the coast (by way of Mezouna) "are now reported to be little more than 20 miles from the General Sir Bernard Montgomery's spearhead.")

Military quarters announced Allied observers saw Axis troops heading out of Mahares yesterday. Both Mahares and Mezouna have way stations on the Gafsa-Sfax railway. Mahares lies 50 miles north east of Gabes.

While American and British aerial squadrons maintained assaults upon retreating Axis columns, it was announced 130 enemy vehicles had been destroyed and 200 damaged in the past two days.

Pressed hard by the Eighth Army, Rommel was growing short of motor transports to extricate his rear guards.

In the Medjez-El-Bab sector of Northern Tunisia the British maintained the offensive launched Wednesday on a 12 mile front. Longrange guns knocked out two enemy tanks there.

Military quarters said one enemy tank concentration in that area was observed yesterday under violent attack by German dive-bombers which obviously had mistaken their target.

It was not ascertained how many tanks were knocked out through the error of the Stuka pilots, but British troops were jubilant at the sight and trusted the results were effective.

Windy and rainy weather hampered ground operations in the north, however. Fields and dirt roads were turned into the same adhesive mud the troops had endured all winter.

More than 400 prisoners have been taken in the Medjez-El-Bab fighting since Wednesday, a communiqué said. Without naming the points, it reported the British had occupied some tactically important localities.

In the central sector enemy transports moving north to Zaghouan, 15 miles east of the Nazi base at Pont Du Fahs, were attacked by RAF Spitfires and four vehicles were wrecked.

American piloted Spitfires damaged one Messerschmitt during a battle of aerial patrols.

A small force of British naval motor craft engaged a strongly escorted enemy convoy by night off the port of Bizerte, sank one supply ship and scored two torpedo hits on another. It was announced.

Enemy destroyers and E-boats opened fire after the close-range attack, but the raiders suffered only superficial damage and one minor casualty.

"When last seen the enemy ships were engaging each other," the announcement said. "Our motor craft returned safely to bases."

Nearly one-tenth of the entire U.S. population was hospitalized in 1942.

Little Chance of Escape for Axis Troops Under Rommel

Analysis of the News by Mackenzie

Editorial Comment Written Today and Moved by Telegraph or Cable.

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

America's General Eisenhower, commander-in-chief in Tunisia, would seem to have given us a fair lead as to how to answer a question which is hot in both Allied and Axis camps. That is, whether Marshal Rommel is likely to be able to get any considerable number of his troops out of Africa and safely to the continent by transport — and the Nazi general's chances don't look good.

General Eisenhower, in a message of congratulations to his deputy, General Sir Harold Alexander, said that the army, navy and air force "are now in a position to exact the full price from the enemy confronting us in Africa." Exaction of the "full price" strikes me as meaning one of two things — an annihilation or surrender.

There's no terms of escape. As a matter of fact the indications are the Allied trap is so well set that the great body of Axis troops is doomed. This, of course, doesn't preclude the escape of some officers and men, especially by air transport.

Right here it will be well for us to recognize, as General Eisenhower points out, "that great difficulties and bitter fighting still lie ahead." We may be a long way from the moment when Rommel's men will face annihilation, surrender or attempt at withdrawal.

If Rommel can join up in the strong positions about Tunis and Bizerte, in the northern tip of Tunisia, it may take a lot of power to blast them out. Still, the Allies do have the power and will make it effective in due course.

Reports from many quarters in Europe make it clear that the Axis has been making preparations for an effort to evacuate Rommel's forces. As long ago as mid March a foreign diplomatic source in London said reliable reports from Italy said hundreds of small craft were being assembled in Sicily and Southern Italy, apparently in preparation for a Tunisian evacuation of Dunkerque. Later there were similar reports from other points, and on April 1 the London Daily Mail had a dispatch from Madrid saying 350,000 tons of French shipping has been ordered sent to Genoa, Spezia and ports in Sardinia and Sicily.

Coincidentally, 100 American Flying Fortress on April 1 attacked the great Axis supply base at Cagliari, Sardinia, and among other things hit five merchant ships and twenty-one smaller craft. The base was crippled by the terrific bombing. The chances are that these ships were for evacuation purposes.

About that same time American

Market Report

ST. LOUIS LIVESTOCK

National Stockyards, Ill., April 9 —(A)—(U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Hogs, 6,500; weights 180 lbs up opened 5 higher; later 1015 higher than Thursday's average; lighter weights 15 higher; sows 5-10 higher; bulk good and choice 180-300 lbs 15.60-65; few later 15.70; top 15.75 for moderate numbers; 100-150 lbs 15.00-35; 140-160 lbs 14.50-15.00; 100-130 lbs 13.25-14.25; most sows 15.15-40; stags 15.50 down.

Cattle, 900; calves, 450; supplies meager; classes mostly steady in cleanup trade; odd lot steers and mixed yearlings 14.00-15.00; common and medium cows 11.00-13.50; bidding 25 lower on sausage bulls or 14.25 down; vealers 50 higher; good and choice 15.50; medium and good 13.00 and 14.25; nominal range slaughter steers 12.00-13.25; slaughter heifers 11.00-16.25; stocker and feeder steers 11.00-15.25.

Sheep, 750; hardly enough offered early to test the market; around half deck good and choice; fall clipped lambs about steady at 15.00.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Chicago, April 9 —(A)—President Roosevelt's order directing that all commodities affecting the cost of living be held at current prices and prices dropped more than 2 cents at one time in heavy trading.

Grains subsequently rallied from their lows in diminished activity, but wheat, oats and rye were unable to get back to yesterday's finish. Most corn contracts held at their ceilings and September, after breaking a cent at the opening, recovered a major part of the lost ground.

At the close wheat was off 1-3-8, May \$1.42 1-8-4, July \$1.41 5-8-4, corn was unchanged to 12 lower, May \$1.01, September \$1.04 1-2-5, oats were 3-4-1 lower and rye showed losses of 1-3-8-1-7-8.

Cash wheat no sales.

Corn, No. 2 yellow 1.02, No. 3, 1.01 1-2; No. 4, 98-99; No. 5, 93 1-2-5.

bombers attacked an Axis convoy in the Sicilian narrows. They sunk at least three large merchant ships and left others burning furiously. Similar disaster has overtaken other Axis vessels so that the evacuation fleet must have been badly depleted. Moreover, what has happened already gives a fair forecast of the Hell any evacuation force will run into if an attempt is made out of Tunisia.

It's only about a hundred miles from Tunis to Sicily, and a bit more from Bizerte to Cagliari, Sardinia. But it might as well be a million miles, for Axis troops attempting to flee will be beset by Allied land, air and naval forces which will be swarming the North Tunisian zone.

General Eisenhower must be praying that the Axis does try evacuation, for it will produce a catastrophe for the enemy. Of course, we shouldn't overlook the possibility that Hitler may try one of his color gambles, by ending a big air fleet and a section of the Italian air fleet and a section of the Italian navy, a terribly long chance in doing that, however.

Movie Actress June Knight Fights Divorce

Little Rock, April 9 —(A)—Arthur Arden Cameron, 42, wealthy oil man, will learn next week whether he can continue with his Arkansas divorce suit against former movie actress June Knight.

Chancellor Frank H. Dodge announced after a spirited hearing yesterday he would not have a ruling before next Tuesday on Miss Knight's motion to quash the suit, and on Cameron's demurrer to her motion. Neither principal was present at the hearing.

Cameron charged the former actress "absented herself in the company of other men for unexplained purposes and upon her return would be in an intoxicated condition and her attire disheveled." He charged her with rudeness, unmerited in reproach, contempt and studied neglect.

The complaint said she treated his parents with contempt and his friends with discourtesy. It asserted that "aided and abetted by her mother she (Miss Knight) had continuously sought to secure a large portion of (Cameron's) property in her own name, concealing the fact she had a divorce in mind when her purpose was accomplished."

The suit against Miss Knight, who was christened Margaret Rose Vollikette, was filed here February 6. The temerary said Cameron moved here Dec. 6, 1942 from Evansville, Ind. Miss Knight's attorneys, one of whom is former Gov. James V. Allred of Texas, described Cameron as a multimillionaire.

Persons who have been Arkansas residents 90 days may file remurrer contended that he was unaware Miss Knight had a divorce suit pending against him in Houston, Tex.

Allred told the chancellor that the couple maintained an apartment at Houston's Plaza hotel, that Cameron still was listed in the Houston directory and has kept up club memberships there.

Cameron and Miss Knight were married April 24, 1938 at Beverly Hills, Calif. Her attorneys said it was her second marriage and Cameron's third.

Allred argued that Cameron purposely evaded authorities seeking to serve a divorce process on him and that he had been unable to locate the oil man here "though I've offered a \$100 reward. Cameron's divorce proceedings in this state.

Sentence of Life Term Shortened

Little Rock, April 9 —(A)—Governor Adkins today shortened the sentence of Howard Reid, 25-year-old Hot Springs life term, to 21 years with a commutation order. The action made him eligible for parole.

Reid was convicted in Garland circuit court Feb. 14, 1934, for first degree murder in connection with the slaying of Will McGuire, Hot Springs grocer. The state charged Reid shot McGuire in an attempted robbery.

Reid had been out on furlough since Feb. 5, 1942, and is now employed in a Little Rock hotel.

The proclamation said clemency had been recommended by Sheriff Marion Anderson, Circuit Judge Earl Witt, Prosecutor Curtis Ridgway, John Reaves, former superintendent of the Boys' Industrial school, and the Rev. Fred G. Ruebuck, pastor of Asbury Methodist church, Little Rock.

Tom Hughes, Jr., Altheimer, under a 21-year sentence for the 1931 killing of Cora Hughes, was pardoned by the governor. He was sentenced in Jefferson county May 25, 1933, and has been out on parole since Sept. 11, 1939.

Asphalt, the solid form of oil, was used as mortar in the building of the Tower of Babel.

A sewing machine manufacturer developed a gadget for stitching battle wounds.

Flashes of Life

By The Associated Press

—What, No Butter?— Evansville, Ind. — Vanderburgh county deputies who took "Peter the Hermit," an 90-year-old recluse, to the county infirmary could have saved themselves the trouble.

"I'll get along with God, not a ration card," the old man answered when the deputies explained they were afraid he was starving.

"Peter the Hermit" left the infirmary during the night and returned to the banks of Pigeon creek where he lives with two dogs and a snake for companions, catching enough fish to eat and to sell for bread.

—Hidden Treasure—

Rocky Mount, N. C. —The policeman had looked high and low for illegal liquor at a suspect's home when a furiously scratching hen in the backyard aroused his curiosity so he watched.

Up came a burglar; up came a quart of liquor; over came the policeman to lend the hen a hand. He reported digging up 18 more quarts. He left the hen still scratching.

Aw, Let's Surrender!

Stillwell, Okla. — Sheriff Luke Worley found only one clue in a burglary. It made him very happy. Giving the name, age, height, weight and color of eyes and hair was a war ration book evidently dropped by the burglar.

Black Market Blame Placed on OPA Office

Washington, April 8 (A) Mobsters who operated during prohibition days have muscled in on the black market in meat, Rep. Patman (D-Tex.) said today and he laid a large part of the blame on administration of the price control act.

Patman as chairman of the House Small Business Committee opened an investigation into the black market by saying:

"The thing that I fear most is that unless this situation is brought under complete control, we may experience something similar to the bootleg days when... unsuspecting people drank bootleg whisky, which, in numerous cases, has caused blindness and other case death."

"The operator of the black market are not concerned with what happens to the consumers of their product," Patman said, adding that their slaughtering is clandestinely done in numerous instances without regard to sanitation and inspection.

"Under the circumstances," he declared, "there is but one thing left to ferret out and punish those who are operating black markets and to insist that the provisions of the price control act be followed to the letter, rather than be based upon alleged ideals that are not practical, create confusion, needless expense and force independent enterprises out of business through losses and harassment incident to an honest endeavor to comply with the law."

Many legitimate packers have been forced out of business "because of the losses suffered in trying to comply with OPA rule," he continued and it has been easy for the gangster element "to horn in" on the vital meat industry so important to our armed forces and to people at home."

Spring Hill Woman Dies Here Today

Mrs. Thurman W. Ridling, 31, of Spring Hill, died at a local hospital Friday morning after a brief illness.

The former Miss Millred Calhoun, Mrs. Ridling was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Calhoun of Spring Hill.

Other survivors include her husband, one daughter, Rebecca Ann, two sisters, Ruth Emma Calhoun of Spring Hill and Mrs. Mae Smith of Oakland, Calif., three brothers Robert and Charles Calhoun of Spring Hill, and Sgt. Wesley C. Calhoun of Nome, Alaska.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Mrs. Stuckey, of Near Hope, Dies Today

Mrs. Winnie Stuckey, 56, a resident of Hempstead for over 30 years, died at her home in Rocky Mount community early today. She had been ill several months.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p. m. Saturday at the Rocky Mount Baptist Church with the Rev. D. O. Silvey in charge.

She is survived by her husband, S. M. Stuckey; a daughter, Mrs. A. E. Daly of Longview, Texas; 2 sons, Herbert of Hope, and Albert Stuckey of the armed service.

The potential U. S. labor force numbers approximately 41,000,000 men and 29,200,000 women.

Church News

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Pine at Second

Robert B. Moore, pastor.

Governor Hopier M. Adkins will be the guest speaker at the annual Layman's Day Service at the First Methodist Church, 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning, Mr. R. L. Broun.

Chairman of the Board of Stewards, will preside and be assisted by Mr. O. A. Graves and Mr. John P. Vesey.

Sunday afternoon, the pastor, Reverend Robert B. Moore, will preach at the 5:30 o'clock Vesper Service; Youth Fellowship Hour will be at 6:30 o'clock.

Choir Practice, Thursday, April 15, 7:30.

FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

West 4th and Ferguson Streets

W. P. Graves, pastor.

Sunday School—10 a. m.

Lacie Rowe—Superintendent.

Morning Worship—11 a. m.

Young People's Service—7 p. m.

Evening Service—8 p. m.

The Revival will continue until Sunday the 18th and longer if the interest justifies. Bro. Douglas is certainly doing some wonderful preaching. We urge the public to come and hear him. Come and bring your entire family to Sunday School Sunday morning.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Third and Main Streets

Rev. W. R. Hamilton, pastor.

Sunday School assemblies at 9:30 for departmental programs followed by a period of study for every age.

Morning Worship Service begins at 10:50. The pastor will preach on "Prayer Changes Things".

Baptist Training Union meets in a General assembly at 7:00 with a message from the pastor.

Evening Worship begins at 8:00 p. m. The pastor will preach on "Going Home". The Ordinance of Baptism will be administered at the close of the evening preaching service.

A cordial welcome is extended the public to attend the services of the First Baptist Church.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Thomas Brewster, minister.

Sunday School, 9:45 a. m., with classes for all age groups.

Morning worship 10:55 o'clock with reports on the work of the year just closed.

Following the morning services a brief congregational meeting will be held to hear the reports of a nominating committee appointed to select additional deacons to serve the church and to act on the reports

of the committee.
Young People's Meeting 6:30 p. m.
Evening Preaching Service 7:30 p. m.
Special offering Sunday morning for Arkansas college.
You are invited to work and worship with us.

UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

J. T. Gilmore, pastor.

Sunday School begins at ten o'clock and preaching at eleven o'clock. The retaining course begins at seven thirty and preaching at eight o'clock. The ladies auxiliary meets in the home of Mrs. Jim Warren Monday afternoon at two o'clock. The mid-week service begins at eight o'clock, this service is devoted to a study of the Hebrew Children currently from the book of Numbers. You are invited to attend each service.

GARRETT MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

N. Ferguson St.

D. O. Silvey, pastor.

10:00—Sunday School.

11:00—Preaching.

7:00—B. T. C. and Bible Study Groups.

8:00—Preaching.

2:30—Monday, Ladies' Auxiliary.

7:30—Wednesday, Teachers' Meeting.

8:00—Wednesday, Prayer Services.

Today in Congress

By The Associated Press

Senate

Resumes consideration of bill extending federal pay raises.

Agriculture subcommittee open investigation of spread in food prices between producer and consumer.

Clyde Ellis of National Rural Electrical Cooperative Associated testifies before Banking Committee on technological mobilization bill.

House

Debates controversial Hobbs anti-truckleeting bill.

Small Business Committee hears Premias Brown and Chester Davis in black meat market investigation.

Parts of the Ruhr, German's coal pile, have a population density as high as 3,000 to the square mile.

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Billie Burke's Forum on Food

Weekly Question-and-Answer

Q How can I make the best use of low-point bony cuts of meat, like short ribs or beef?

A Save the bones and boil them for soup. Save the suet and grind for shortening. Pound and slice some of the meat and cook as Swiss Steak. Slow-cook the rest as a stew, with vegetables.

Q How can I stretch canned vegetable juices for my large family?

A Save tops, leaves, peelings and all scraps from vegetables. Simmer in water to extract flavor; then add broth to canned juices.

Q What can I use instead of sugar for canning?

A Honey and corn syrup are excellent sweeteners. Proportions differ from sugar; canning booklets published by syrup and honey manufacturers give complete information.

Q What other fats besides butter can I use for frying or baking?

A Chicken fat is good for cakes, biscuits, creamed sauces and muffins.

Q What use can I make of beef drippings?

A Spread on toast, or use in creamed meats and vegetables, or in hot meat sandwiches.

Q Are all the strange fish I've seen lately—conger, ocean pout, menhaden and shark steak—good to eat? And how do I cook them?

A Yes, they're all good, and most are cooked just the same way you cook fish you're used to buying. Read the new Government bulletin "Wartime Fish Cookery."

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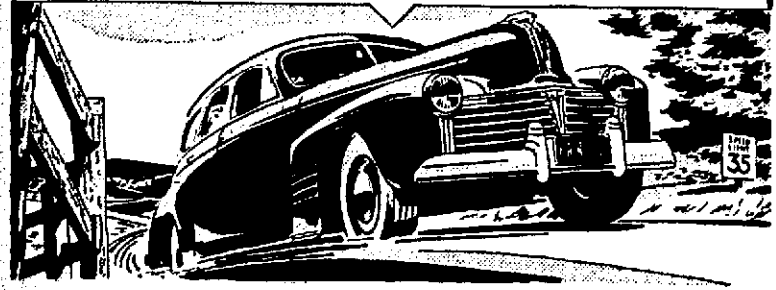
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